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1. SUMMARY. TENOR OF BUNDESPOST ASSERTION IN LETTER TO EMBASSY THAT IT WILL REPRESENT U.S. BERLIN INTEREST AT 1974 ITU CONFERENCE ON LONG AND MEDIUM WAVE BAND BROADCASTING FREQUENCIES SUGGESTS RESPONSIBLE FRG OFFICIALS ARE NOT FULLY AWARE ALLIED AUTHORIZATION OF FRG REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN IN ITU IS CONDITIONED BY ALLIED RETENTION OF ULTIMATE AUTHORITY FOR ALLOCATION OF ALL RADIO FREQUENCIES IN WEST BERLIN. ALLIES MAY WISH TO PERMIT FRG TO REPRESENT

BERLIN AT CONFERENCE; BUT THIS SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH AND ULTIMATE CONTROL BY ALLIES. ACTION REQUESTED: USBER SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY: (A) CLEARLY SET FORTH ALLIED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALLOCATION OF BERLIN FREQUENCIES IN ITS REPLY TO BUNDESPOST; (B) CONSIDER EXTENT TO WHICH FRG MIGHT
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NEVERTHELESS REPRESENT BERLIN AT ITU UNDER ALLIED INSTRUCTIONS;

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AND (C) EXPLORE WITH FRG FEASIBILITY OF USING ESTABLISHED MACHINERY IN BERLIN FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH ALLIES FOR BOTH ITU AND RELEATED FRG-GDR FREQUENCY TALKS. END SUMMARY.

2. BK/O(50)23 OF 24 FEB. 1950 RESERVES TO ALLIES AUTHORITY FOR ALLOCATION AND CLEARANCE OF RADIO FREQUENCIES AND BK/L(57)30 OF 28 AUGUST 1957 STATES ALLIED KOMMANDATURA REMAINS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALLOCATION OF GERMAN CIVIL AS WELL AS ALLIED FORCES RADIO FREQUENCIES IN BERLIN AND ESTABLISHES PROCEDURE FOR ALLIED-LANDESPOST CONSULTATION. BK/L(68)12 OF 27 MAY 1968, WHICH RECORDS AK DECISION NOT TO OBJECT TO APPLICATION BY FRG OF ITU MONTREUX CONVENTION IN BERLIN, STIPULATES THAT TELECOMMUNICATIONS REMAIN SUBJECT TO ALLIED RESERVED RIGHTS AND PROVISIONS OF BK/L(57)30. ANY FRG REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN AT ITU FREQUENCY CONFERENCE WOULD THUS CLEARLY BE SUBJECT TO ULTIMATE ALLIED AUTHORITY.

3. BRITISH AND FRENCH P&T EXPERTS IN BERLIN HAVE NOT BEEN INFORMED OF SIMILAR BUNDESPOST LETTERS TO THEIR EMBASSIES. BUT THEIR PRELIMINARY VIEW, WITH WHICH USBER CONCURS, IS THAT ALLIED RESPONSIBILITY FOR BERLIN SECURITY REQUIRES US TO INSIST ON HAVING DETERMINING VOICE ON BERLIN FREQUENCY ALLOCATION. ALLIES WILL WISH TO TAKE LEAD IN DEVELOPING POSITION FOR USE AT ITU CONFERNENCE CONCERNING ALLIES OWN LONG AND MEDIUM WAVE BROADCASTING FREQUENCY REQUIREMENTS IN BERLIN (AFN, RIAS, AND BBC - FRENCH STATION IS NOT IN THIS BAND), WHILE WE COULD LEAVE INITIATIVE FOR PROTECTING GERMAN CIVIL FREQUENCY REQUIREMENTS TO BUDESPOST. HOWEVER, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT FRG NEGOTIATORS BE AWARE THAT ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL BERLIN FREQUENCY ALLOCATIONS RESIDES WITH ALLIES.

4. WE SEE THREE POSSIBILITIES FOR REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN AT ITU CONFERENCE: (A) DIRECT ALLIED REPRESENTATION OF ALL BERLIN INTERESTS; (B) ALLIED REPRESENTATION OF AFN, RIAS, AND BBC AND FRG REPRESENTATION OF GERMAN CIVIL INTERESTS SUBJECT TO RESERVED ALLIED AUTHORITY; OR (C) FRG REPRESENTATION OF ALL BERLIN INTERESTS SUBJECT TO RESERVED ALLIED AUTHORITY. COURSE (A) OR (B) IS PARTIALLY SUPPORTABLE BY ITU LISTING OF FREQUENCIES WHICH SHOWS DEPARTMENT OF STATE AS ADMINISTRATION RESPONSIBLE FOR AFN-AM AND ONE OF RIAS-AM FREQUENCIES (REF B). HOWEVER, MISSION BELIEVES COURSE (C) IS PREFERABLE SINCE IT WOULD GIVE MORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

SUBSTANCE TO FRG REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN IN ITU, AS ALREADY AUTHORIZED BY ALLIES, AND CLOSE ALLIED-FRG CONSULTATION LEADING TO SPECIFIC ALLIED INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE AND, IF NECESSARY, DURING CONFERENCE COULD ADEQUATELY PROTECT ALLIED SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES, HOWEVER EVEN UNDER COURSE (C), USG RATHER THAN ARD SHOULD REPRESENT RIAS INTERESTS IN CONSULTATIONS WITH FRG. US HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR RIAS, RIAS IS ONLY ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF ARD, AND ARD HAS NOT ASKED TO REPRESENT RIAS.

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5. PROCEDURE FOR CONSULTATION WITH ALLIES ON BERLIN FREQUENCY ISSUES IN CONTEXT OF ITU CONFERENCE AND OF RELATED FRG-GDR P&T TALKS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED, LANDESPOST HAS CONSULTED INFORMALLY WITH ALLIED MISSIONS IN BERLIN REGARDING FRG-GDR TECHNICAL-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS ON FREQUENCY COORDINATION WHICH WERE UNDERTAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 3.5 OF FRG-GDR POSTAL AGREEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1971, AND WHICH REMAIN IN PRELIMINARY STAGE. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH MISSION ON FEBRUARY 27, 1973, HERR GROSSER OF BUNDESPOST RECOGNIZED RELEVANCE OF BK/L(57)30 TO ANY FRG-GDR FREQUENCY ARRANGEMENTS AFFECTING BERLIN AND NOTED THAT INNER-GERMAN FREQUENCY NEGOTIATIONS POSE MORE PROBLEMS FOR BERLIN THAN FOR FRG. BERLIN MIGHT THEREFORE BE BEST SITE FOR FOMAL CONSULTATION WITH ALLIES IN DEVELOPMENT OF POSITION ON FREQUENCY QUESTIONS AFFECTING BERLIN, BOTH FOR FRG-GDR BILATERAL TALKS AND FOR ITU CONFERENCE.

6. MISSION SUGGESTS EMBASSY (A) INCLUDE IN ITS REPLY TO THE BUNDESPOST LETTER (REF A) THE SUBSTANCE OF THE AK 1950, 1957 AND 1968 ORDERS (PARA 2 ABOVE); (B) CONSIDER THE THREE OPTIONS FOR REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN BRADCASTING FREQUENCY INTERESTS (PARA 4 ABOVE); AND (C) EXPLORE FEASIBILITY OF BERLIN SITE FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH ALLIES IN CONNECTION WITH BERLIN ASPECTS OF BOTH FRG-GDR BILATERAL TALKS AND ITU CONFERENCE.KLEIN

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